Upgradation to National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

19. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works proposed to be executed in Andhra Pradesh under Central Road Fund;

(b) the details of State Highways in Andhra Pradesh to be upgraded to National Highways as per the norms; and

(c) the present position regarding conversion of Hyderabad Warangal-Mulugu-Nagarem-Venkatapuram (290 Kms) and Warangal-Karimnagar-Jagtial (120 kms) roads into National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) A total number of 14 work under Central Road Fund Scheme have been sanctioned to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the 8th Five Year Plan. As regards execution of these works, the responsibility lies with the State Govt.

(b) Proposal for 9 State Highways being declared as National highways were received from the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh during the 8th Plan.

(c) Due to severe constraints of available funds for the development of National Highways, it has not been possible to declare Hyderabad-Venkatpuram and Warrangal-Jagtial state roads as national Highways.

Safety of Indian Nationals going to Gulf Countries

20. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian nationals in the UAE are/were stranded;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the meausres proposed to ensure safety of Indians going to Gulf and other countries for employment?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Some Indian Nationals in the UAE coming under the purview of the amnesty, recently announced by the UAE Government, were stranded as they failed to leave the country within the extended period of the amnesty. Our mission in UAE facilitated the departure of all such stranded persons who came to the notice of the mission by obtaining a special dispensation from the UAE Governemnt and also assisting them in obtaining air tickets.

(c) Various measures in place to ensure the safety of Indian workers in the Gulf and other countries include Indian missions' close liaison with the local authorities, regular contacts with the Indian workers, visits to labour camps, the requirement to have the employment contract and other papers relating to the employment of Indians to be screened and attested by the concerned Indian mission, recourse to official and legal channels in the concerned country to secure the contractual rights of the Indian workers, administrative and legal action against erring recruiting agents in India and black-listing of unreasonable employers. These measures are proposed to be continued.

अन्तर्देशीय-जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण द्वारा धनराशियों का उपयोग

21. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण और केन्द्रीय अन्तर्देशीय जल यातायात निगम को आबंटित की गई धनराशियों का पूरा-पूरा उपयोग नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) अब तक आबंटित और उपयोग की गई धनराशियों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी. जी. वेंकटरामन): (क) जी हां।